THE MORNING APPEAL.

SATURDAY JANUARY 16

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A BAD PRECIDENT.

The suit of Lyon county against the bondsmen of J. A. Huntoon, defaulting clerk and treasurer, has been dismissed on the order of the commissioners.

Huntoon was a defaulting official of Lyon county and by the action of the commissioners, the bondsmen escape the obligation they assumed when they went on the bond and the taxpayers are the suffers. The history of the case is a peculiar one. When Huntoon came before the people and asked for the nomination of Treasurer the Lyon County Times warned the people against him on the grounds that he was not a fit man for the place. Huntoon at once posed as a good, but persecuted man and his friends rallied to his support, claiming that the editor was merely guided by personal spite.

He was boomed right along, nominated and elected by a large majority, a good many voting for him just to show the editor of the Times that his judgment was poor. After election a lot of people were anxious to get on his bonds to show how much confidence they had in Huntoon and how little they had in the Times. Well in due course of time Huntoon became a defaulter for several thousands of dollars and committed suicide, and the men, who by placing their names on his bond, gave their solemn assurance to the taxpayers that they were responsible for his honesty, have shirked the responsibility and at last got a Board of Commissioners to stop the prosecution of the cases. Such an act is without warrant of law and the Board should be he held legally responsible by the taxpayers.

The law regarding bonds is a dead letter and ought to be repealed. It is always evaded in some such way and a forfeited bond is seldom collected in Nevada, When taxpayers realize that they must all suffer the penalty of electing dishonest men to office, they will be more crreful in their selections.

The public should also bear in mind that newspapers rarely accuse men of dishonesty or unfitness for office for malicious motive, but for the public good. A newspaper seldom makes such charges without good reasons or good evidence, for a paper making charges of that nature, which it could not substantiate, would soon lose its patronage.

COLD GALL.

About the cheekiest thing that has come to the front in a long time, is the letter written to McKtnley by Mc Laughlin, the Chairman of the California State Central Committee. The letter assumes that the Presidentelect will select a Californian for his cabinet, and then goes on to assure him that which ever Californian he selects will have the hearty support of the committee.

It is not likely that any other State Central Committee in the United States has put itself on paper in anything so ridiculous as that. The Private Secretary of the big Major in Canton will probably drop it into the nearest waste basket and never say a thing about it to anybody.

The silver sentiment is not dead in the Middle West. The silverites of Delphi, Indiana, are very much alive, as is shown by the inauguration by them of a new fashion in basket parties. To these parties the girls take baskets of good things covered with white or yellow napkins, according to their political preferences. At the party the men select baskets according to their preferences and must pay for them according to their weight, not of the baskets, but of the owners, who thereupon become the purchasers partners for the evening. Each buyer lifts his girl to the scales and those of the white cloth get sixteen kisses to the gold men's one. This is calculated to increase the silver following.

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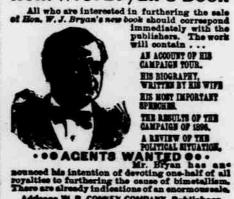
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